

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND claims 1, 5, 10 and 11 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A server for performing a process in compliance with a request from a client, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a request from a client;

processing means for performing a process in compliance with the request received by said receiving means;

affixing means for affixing confirmation information for confirming display status of the client side to a result of the process performed by said processing means;

storing means for storing the confirmation information affixed by said affixing means;

liberal zone identification code affixing means for affixing a liberal zone identification code to the result of the process performed by said processing means in the case the result is a page belonging to a group of pages previously defined as a liberal zone;

transmitting means for transmitting the result of process having the confirmation information affixed thereto by said affixing means to the client which has made the request;

extracting means, responsive to a request made again ~~from~~ by the client, for extracting the confirmation information included in the request;

determining means for determining whether or not the confirmation information extracted by said extracting means coincides with the confirmation information stored in said storing means; ~~and~~

withholding means for withholding ~~a process performed by the said processing means from executing in compliance with the request~~ made again by the client if it is judged by said determining means that the two sets of confirmation information do not ~~coincide~~ coincide; and

suspending means for suspending the withholding of said withholding means when the request made again by the client contains the liberal zone identification code, thereby permitting execution of the request made again by the client.

2. (ORIGINAL) The server according to claim 1, further comprising error message transmitting means for transmitting a message notifying occurrence of error to the client when the process is withheld by said withholding means.

3. (ORIGINAL) The server according to claim 1, further comprising specified page information transmitting means for transmitting information about a prespecified page to the client when the process is withheld by said withholding means.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program for performing a process in compliance with a request from a client, wherein the program causes a computer to function as

receiving means for receiving a request from a client,

processing means for performing a process in compliance with the request received by the receiving means,

affixing means for affixing confirmation information for confirming display status of the client side to a result of process performed by the processing means,

storing means for storing the confirmation information affixed by the affixing means,

liberal zone identification code affixing means for affixing a liberal zone identification code to the result of the process performed by said processing means in the case the result is a page belonging to a group of pages previously defined as a liberal zone.

transmitting means for transmitting the result of process having the confirmation information affixed thereto by the affixing means to the client which has made the request,

extracting means, responsive to a request made again from the client, for extracting the confirmation information included in the request,

determining means for determining whether or not the confirmation information extracted by the extracting means coincides with the confirmation information stored in the storing means, and

withholding means for withholding ~~a process performed by the said processing means from executing in compliance with the request made again by the client~~ if it is judged by the

determining means that the two sets of confirmation information do not coincide coincide, and

suspending means for suspending the withholding of said withholding means when the request made again by the client contains the liberal zone identification code, thereby permitting

execution of the request made again by the client.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for performing a process on a first computer in compliance with a request from a client using a second computer, comprising:

- receiving a request from the client;
- performing a process on the second computer in compliance with the received request;
- affixing confirmation information of a display status of a client side to a result of the process performed;
- storing the affixed confirmation information in the second computer;
- transmitting the result of a process having the affixed confirmation information to the client;
- upon receiving a second request from the same client, extracting confirmation information included in the request;
- determining whether the extracted confirmation information coincides with the stored affixed confirmation information; and
- upon determining that the affixed confirmation does not coincide with the stored confirmation information not performing the process.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 6, further comprising transmitting an error message notifying the client when a process is withheld.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 6, further comprising transmitting information regarding a prespecified page to the client upon the process being withheld.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 6, further comprising affixing an identification code to the result of process performed upon a request for a predefined group of pages being received, and

- suspending operation of the withholding means upon a request from the client affixed with the identification code.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for preventing a client, using a first computer to place an order with a second computer, from being charged a second time for the order comprising:

upon receiving an inquiry from the first computer, generating tracking confirmation information;

storing the tracking confirmation information in the second computer;

affixing the tracking confirmation information to order information that is transmitted to first computer;

receiving an order from the first computer including affixed tracking confirmation information;

comparing the received affixed tracking information with the stored tracking confirmation information;

upon the affixed tracking information coinciding with the stored tracking confirmation information, processing the order; and

modifying the stored tracking confirmation information.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 10, further comprising:

upon the affixed tracking confirmation information not coinciding with the stored tracking confirmation information, not processing the order and transmitting an error message to the first computer.